

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1 to 12 and 14.

In the Advisory Action dated December 3, 2004, it was stated that the proposed amendment to claim 1 raises a new issue requiring further consideration. In reply, such consideration is now requested.

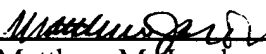
With regard to the comment concerning antecedent basis for the "cladding layer" in claim 14, this has been corrected by making claim 14 depend on claim 11 rather than claim 1.

Favorable action is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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